

LECs operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. LEC infrastructure was subsidized by taxpayers. Wholesale provisioning stimulates competition and benefits consumers, including small businesses like mine. LECs still do not offer the services I require and use on a daily basis. The proposed changes will push small niche providers out of the ISP business and force consumers to adopt least common denominator technology that ill suits many business requirements. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.

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